

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2009, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, 14-16 and 19-20 are now pending in this Application. Claims 9 and 18 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 have been amended and claims 3, 8, 9, 13, 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 19 and 20 were rejected under **35 U.S.C. §103(a)** as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0108059 to Yew et al. (hereinafter Yew) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,106 to Cudak et al. (hereinafter Cudak). Claims 2-4, 7-8, 12-14 and 16-17 were rejected under **35 U.S.C. §103(a)** as being unpatentable Yew in view of Cudak and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0105412 to He et al. (hereinafter He).

The Examiner stated that claims 9 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 11 or 19 as well as certain other intervening claims, and these claims are now allowable. The remaining dependent claims are allowable as they depend from an allowable base claim.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing the pending claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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